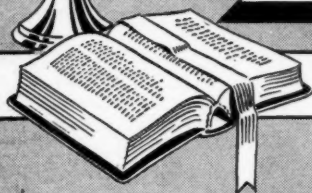


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tion of the first self-righting lifeboat. It also brought to public attention the dire need of a lifesaving service, with proper equipment. It was years later, however, before such a service was organized anywhere.

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Many men are kept constantly in the service to save the lives of men, but think how God has provided the lighthouse of His Word to be the soul-saving station.

Darkness is referred to in the Bible only four times; that of existing at the time of creation, one of the plagues sent upon Egypt, again at the time of the convulsion of the earth when Christ was crucified, and then, figuratively, the word is often used to express ignorance or absence of true religion. It is also used to express sin and misery, as opposed to good and happiness. So in opposition to the last, the darkness of sin—the light of God's Word is used to denote spiritual illumination of the mind and heart. Jesus Christ is called the Light of the world, because of His power of illuminating the mind of man and acting as the guiding beacon to His followers.

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:: God's Self-Limitations ::

By Rev. Cleo Watts

Psa. 78:41, "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."

God is a pure, free, independent, and illimitable Being. When we speak of God's limitations, we speak of them as being a choice of God, and not a necessity.

God has limited the revelation of Himself to man.

Man is finite; God is infinite. Man is impotent; God is omnipotent. The Scripture declares, "His judgments and ways are past finding out," and, "We know in part and prophesy in part." The angels and celestial beings of heaven have visible access and audible communication with God. The light of God's glory is approachable to them and unapproachable to us in the flesh. As to God's spiritual contents, He has never been seen, nor can be seen, by man in the flesh. Even God's divine and spiritual essence was imperceptible to Adam and Eve before the fall because they had a natural body and were sensible only to the material world. For the invisible, unknowable, and transcendental God to reveal Himself to finite man, He must condescend to our realm of ideas and make Himself perceptible through material and tangible means.

When God appeared to Abraham in Genesis, chapter 18, it was said that three men appeared to him. God came in human form and communicated to Abraham. All through the Old Testament we read of God coming to His people in human form until the incarnation. We don't read anywhere, after the incarnation, of God coming to man in human form, only as Jesus manifest Himself to them. The theophanies had their fulfillment in the virgin birth, just as the sacrificial offerings had their fulfillment in the cross.

The heavens declare the glory of God, but not His absolute essence. "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and

Godhead." But the Greek word for "Godhead" is "Theiotes"—divine likeness. It is deity abstractly, and not "Theotes," absolute essence of deity.

God has limited the revelation of Himself in the Scripture.

The Scripture is an imperfect medium of revelation because of the limitation of words. Words are instruments to convey the thoughts of the mind to another person, and how we stagger and struggle to convey our ideas! God has limited the revelation of Himself to us in the Scripture because our words are limited and imperfect tools of expression. God has found it peculiarly difficult to put spiritual truth into earthly languages. The common idiomatic expressions of the people were used to express God's revelation to man. The apostle Peter said, "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory." There is much more to God than words can express. Paul went to the third heaven and heard sayings that were unutterable. He couldn't find words to convey the sayings of the spiritual world.

God has limited Himself in the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

God was manifest in the flesh. He took upon Himself the habits and customs of man through Jesus Christ, to save us. God in Christ was limited to man's conditions of life. The King of Glory became a slave to all. The rich One became poor. The Judge of all became the sin-bearer of all humanity. He was born as a man, lived as a man, died and was buried as a man. Christ became limited to man's sphere of life, that we might be lifted to the sphere and life of God.

God limits Himself to our faith.

He has promised to all who believe eternal life. A soul can not be saved from sin and have the favor of God without faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." The children of Israel had to look with faith on the brazen serpent in order to be healed. The thief had to say with words of faith, "Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," before Christ could say, "This day shalt

thou be with me in paradise." The two blind men who followed Jesus and desired healing had to say, "Yea, Lord, I believe," before Christ touched their eyes. The woman who had the issue of blood for twelve years had to exercise faith by pressing through the crowd and touching His garment, before healing virtue went out of Him. The children of Israel had to give evidence of their faith in God's destruction of Jericho by their marching around the walls and shouting. There are thousands of people who are sick and God desires to heal them, but He has limited Himself to our faith. If souls are saved, we must believe; if revivals come to our churches, we must believe. The lame man at the gate called Beautiful, had been in church and in the presence of God all his life—God didn't heal him, because He had limited Himself to the faith of men. One day two men came along with the power that broke God's bonds of limitation, and he was gloriously delivered.

God has limited the evangelization of the world to the Church—the people of God.

The Lord said to Amos (3:7), "Surely the Lord will do nothing." He limited His work to the prophet. If we fail to get the people saved, they are lost. Jesus gave the commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." God gave us the message to bear unto the heathen, and if we fail, God's work is foiled and His purpose defeated, because He is limited to us. God nor the angels are preaching to them, so if they are converted we will be the tools used by God. The knowledge of Christ and salvation is deposited in the Church; if we padlock the door, the heathen will go on in ignorance and unbelief. Paul asked the question, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" God is waiting for us to preach, pray, and visit the sick.

God has limited Himself to our prayers.

Prayerlessness, like a mighty dam,

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EDITORIALS . . .

DRUNKENNESS AND THE UNGODLY LIQUOR TRAFFIC

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," Prov. 20:1. **STRONG DRINK IS RAGING**—raging and running rampant throughout the land. With the population of the U. S. estimated, in 1947, at 142,000,000, authenticated records show that there are in the United States now 58,250,000 drinkers. Think of it! over fifty-eight millions of heavy and moderate drinkers. This is alarming! and the number is constantly climbing, showing an increase of 35.8 per cent increase from 1940 to 1945. Already, 3,750,000 have become addicts, or problem drinkers; 750,000 definite alcoholics. None of us are able to imagine the gigantic sum of \$8,700,000,000. Approximately nine billions of dollars was spent last year (1946) for alcoholic beverages—per drinker the sum of \$149.33. It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 barmaids serving this terrible, destructible rot that makes men and women inhuman. Alcohol is a poison; it is a dehydrant; it destroys vital body tissue, robs man of his reason—the God-given quality of the brain—and unleashes the brute nature in him, causing him to commit heinous crimes of various kinds. Citation after citation could be given as proof, but why give it? you face the fact everywhere; your newspapers carry the stories, at least, some of them; not all, however; it is too common. In my paper today, the *Cleveland Daily Banner*, on the front page is an account of a nude woman running down the streets in Toronto, Canada. When asked by an officer where her clothes were, she answered that clothes were not necessary as she was invisible. The next day she admitted to the judge that she had been drinking the evening before. She was given a suspended sentence. The matter was passed by lightly as only another happening, just as it is too often done here in the States.

Whiskey and other strong drink was responsible for 600,000 divorces in the U. S. in 1946. It has always been known as a home-breaker, destroyer of love and happiness, leaving wives heartbroken, suffering from hunger, and children undernourished, nervous, living in constant fear and dread, with hopes blighted, and a very slim chance in life. When you think of the six hundred thousand homes blasted to ruins by drink last year, it is enough to make every one of us Christians rise up and say, "I must do something about this terrible evil in our land." It has been said, "The liquor crowd would destroy the church if they could, and the church could destroy the liquor menace if they would." The liquor traffic, with all its destructive elements, has no right to exist in our civilization. It is an enemy of righteousness; it is a shame and reproach to any nation.

Authentic Statistics

Authentic statistics show further, that since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, when we lost to the wets, there have been many local option elections; to be exact, 20,469, and in those the dries have won 12,519 and lost to the wets 7,950. Of the 3,070 counties in the United States, 1,054 have voted dry since the repeal. There are 95 counties in Tennessee and 86 of them are now dry. That is, with no hard liquor. All the counties in the State have beer sold in them, and so far there is not a county where the citizens are allowed to vote on beer.

What We Can Do About It

Yes, surely we can pray, and if you have a case of drunkenness in your own family, you will pray most earnestly and sincerely; but we can also put legs to our prayers. Notice, I did not say, "What can we do about it?" but, "What we can do about it." If there were in your yard a poisonous snake, which would likely bite your wife or children, you would do something about it. If an old libertine, a sex-perverter, were slipping around your home and you knew he would attack your wife, your daughter, or sister the very first opportunity he had, you would do something about it. I know you would. Now consider alcohol. Our physicians tell us it is a poison, it is labelled as such by medical science. It is a dangerous chemical, which weakens man's system and pulls him into its clutches. In the Orient they have a proverb that goes thus: "The man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and then the drink takes the man." How true that is! We know it is a poison, and yet we do nothing about it. It makes men commit the most heinous crimes, and yet we do nothing about it. Two-thirds of all men behind the bars today, are there because of intoxicating drink, to say nothing of the other homes destroyed by it, and yet we do nothing about it. The Bible teaches that no drunkard will enter heaven; we are interested in the salvation of men's souls, yet we let this cursed fluid flow by the millions of gallons through our cities, towns, hamlets, and roadsides, to destroy our sons and daughters in torment, and now, tell me, just what have you done about it? What a curse intoxicating liquor is. It is the stimulant and an accessory, and many times the entire cause, of almost all the major crimes committed. Can we do something about it? We can pray, we can work, and we can vote the way we pray.

The old Anti-Saloon League has, for these many years, been working, doing its bit. Let's help them. The Women's Christian Temperance Union has effectively done a great work exposing the evils of liquor; we could help them. There are numbers of organizations and groups which space would not permit the recognition of at this time, but I would like to mention briefly two others; namely, the National Prohibition Party, and the National Temperance Movement, Incorporated.

The National Prohibition Party. First, let me say, frankly, I do not want it even to appear that I would by any means be attempting to tell you how you should vote, for I know "we be brethren" from all the various parts of the country, rocked in different political cradles, and, for the most part, have our minds made up politically, or at least claim our rights as American citizens, that no one should tell us how to vote. Others, especially in certain foreign countries, will never know how we appreciate our liberties. We cannot tolerate dictatorial suggestions as to how to vote, if we vote; and there lies one of the great problems in America. Too many of the Christian people do not vote, for if most all the Christians would band together and vote, we could carry any issue in this country, not that we are so many, but there will always be sons and daughters of Christians among the unsaved to vote right to make it a success. I still feel that the Christians hold the key to the balance of power in our nation, even though

we are classified with the United Nations as a pagan nation. We are citizens; we share in the benefits of this great nation, and likewise suffer the evils thrust upon it by the liquor crowd.

The Prohibition Party offers the highest type of clean administration of our government affairs. They have, for this next coming election, renominated to the candidacy of President of the United States of America, the Honorable Claude A. Watson, of Los Angeles, California. I am not acquainted with their candidate for Vice-President, but I have known Mr. Watson for several years. I met him first in Columbus, Ohio, at the Constitutional Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, where he and a proverbial Philadelphia lawyer, Mr. J. Williston Smith, were the attorneys that served on the Constitution Committee, furnishing the legal advice and assistance in completing the constitution, which, when presented to the body, was accepted in its entirety. It was my privilege and responsibility to serve on this Constitution Committee, and there I learned to appreciate Attorney Watson for his sincerity and ability. Mr. Watson is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Evangelicals and I have met with him in board meetings on various occasions. I believe him to be a sincere Christian gentleman, with a zeal for righteousness. Incidentally, Mr. Watson is acquainted with some of our people in California. Our state overseer secured his services in a special case, in higher court, where we felt we were right, and he was able to help the court to see it that way. Thank you, Mr. Watson. Now, brethren, you are at liberty, as you know, and privileged to use your own convictions in regard to what you do.

The National Temperance Movement, Incorporated. This is an organization operating in almost every state in the Union, for the purpose of presenting a vigorous, sensible, intelligent, constructive, modern, realistic approach to the alcoholic problem. It is entirely a "new approach." The various states have their own respective organizations, and yet affiliated with the national organization, and effectively carrying forward the program. For instance, in Tennessee they are organized under the name of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc. They offer membership to church organizations and solicit the co-operation of all churches and civic groups to unite all possible forces against the curse of drink and its evil effects on humanity. They have several outstanding scientists, physicians, religious leaders, and educators helping in this movement. They are also trying hard to get the educational systems to adopt into our school textbooks again the essential facts concerning the evils of alcohol, so that those facts will appear, along with the other scientific matters to be learned in their lessons, to protect our children and prepare a future generation to be scientifically informed and righteously armed with truth against this menace to our country.

This week we had the privilege of hearing Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, field director of the National Temperance Movement, Inc., speak to us at our college, and also to the North Cleveland Church of God. Brother Jernigan, our General Overseer, with the brethren at Headquarters, invited Rev. Mr. Hotalen to address our Supreme Council in their next session in March. After Reverend Hotalen's address to the student body and faculty, I heard one of our professors enthusiastically say, "Wasn't that a great message!"

The National Temperance Movement, Inc. is nonpolitical, and invites the co-operation of all, regardless of your political persuasions.

Another way we ministers can help, is to preach more sermons against the ungodly liquor traffic, with all its evils, then we can support our words with works—vote as we have preached. I realize, Brother Ministers, that we cannot go all-out politically, without jeopardizing our influence and greatly hindering our sacred calling, but, like Isaiah of old, we must cry out against the evils of our nation, and, being beneficiaries of the good of our blessed land, we surely must feel a corresponding responsibility to secure the best for everyone. I know the answer of the liquor crowd. I heard Clarence Darrow in his debate with Congressman Upshaw, of Georgia, in the city Memorial Auditorium in Chattanooga, when he said in so many words to Mr. Upshaw, "You and your Sunday School crowd leave us alone. If you want to go to Sunday School you can go, but we want to do what we please. If we want to drink liquor, that is our business." That, of course, sounds fair at first thought, but the facts are different. When we go to Sunday School and church, we come away with a greater determination to be a blessing to our children, our friends and neighbors, and wholeheartedly give ourselves to this endeavor; but when the late Mr. Darrow's crowd spends Saturday nights drinking and carousing around, they, half blinded and crazy under the influence of liquor, drive their cars right over our children going to Sunday School. They commit murder and every sin mentioned in the Bible. They have no care for anyone, apparently. So they will not let us alone. The drink-crazed inhuman creatures, made so by the unleashing of their beastly natures by alcohol, are adding nothing to civilization. They fill our jails and asylums and cost our nation annually billions and billions of dollars, therefore you can readily see that it is not true—if we let them alone, they will let us alone. They can't. The drunks can't exist without evil effects on themselves and others. "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine" (Proverbs 23:29, 30). The Bible utters the most threatening warnings against drunkenness, promising woe and punishment to those who fall into its snare.

Voting

You know that it is right to preach against liquor, and for the laymen to talk against it, then why would it be wrong to express yourself on paper against liquor and the ungodly destructive effects of all strong drinks? Yes, on paper, by ballot, or ballot machine, in any way, register your opposition. You know you should. Our *Minutes* states that you should vote, if you can do so with a clear conscience. Is it possible that you have neglected your duty in voting and then tried to ease your conscience by saying that it was for conscientious reasons you had not voted? Really, it is too easy to become busy with other things and think that voting is not important. God knows all things and we shall have to stand before Him some day, and God help us to do what we should. If you can't do more than pray, then by all means do pray. You, I hope, are one whose family has not been touched by the curse of alcohol, but if so, you should pray the harder to help the rest of us who have known the sorrow of seeing loved ones ruined by drink.

Do Others Hurt Your Feelings?

By Rev. Clifford Jenkerson

(Continued from last issue.)

Offences Must Needs Come

Yes, our Lord permits them to happen or come into the midst of brethren so as to put the acid test on our righteousness and so God can set forth, on a pedestal, the UNRIGHT-EOUS. 1 Cor. 11:19, "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest (or known) among you." In times of offences we are told to "mark them which cause divisions and offences." If you will mark them, you will find in many, many cases that the person in the wrong is the one who claims to be offended. Paul tells us in Rom. 16:17, 18, that we should "avoid them," for they are such that serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly (want their own way); and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

"Feelings Hurt" at the Preaching of the Word

Jesus gave warning to His disciples about offences, and that among the "little ones"; but the greatest warning was in Matthew's record concerning the LAST DAYS. This reference is certainly meant to all Christian people and not just to the Jews. "And then shall many be OFFENDED, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another," Matt. 24:10. Again, Jesus spoke of offences. Matt. 18:7, "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it MUST NEEDS BE THAT OFFENCES COME."

If you, as a minister of the glorious gospel of Christ, preach what the Lord Jesus Christ sent you to preach, you are going to offend, but do not let these habitual offenders get you down, even if they come to you in tears. The law the Lord Jesus instituted in Matthew 18, to aid Christians to settle their differences, does not apply to the minister when people get offended at the preaching of the Word. You cannot, utterly can-

not, preach the same message the Lord Jesus taught and preached, without offending, because Jesus was always and forever offending someone. However, I want you to notice the attitude He took in regard to claims made upon Him of offending some who heard His preaching. Let us consider our first example upon the occasion of the Pharisees and scribes encountering Him about His disciples eating without washing their hands. Jesus upbraided them for their sins and faults, and immediately His disciples came to Him and said, "Knowest thou that the Pharisees were OFFENDED, after they heard this saying?" But He answered and said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. LET THEM ALONE: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." I know of people today who are down in this same old dirty ditch, down there just wallowing around, minus the sense of a hog, not offering to get up to be fed the truth of God's Word.

These fanatical Pharisees were forever getting their feelings hurt at the preaching of Christ. People today who get hurt at the preaching of the Word of God are certainly in this class, and should be treated like Jesus treated these Pharisees—LET THEM ALONE. This cures many folk, but some never get well. Jesus went so far as to bestow a blessing upon those who do not get offended, and thousands of Church of God folk have this blessed experience today. Matt. 11:6, "And blessed is he, who-soever shall not be offended in me."

Please draw the curtain and look upon the scene. The people who "received the seed (Word of God) into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution aris-

eth BECAUSE OF THE WORD, by and by HE IS OFFENDED," Matt. 13:20, 21.

Again, the apostle Peter warns us of those who get offended at the Word of God. 1 Peter 2:8, "And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed."

Listen, a real Christian will not be getting his feelings hurt at the WORD OF GOD, but will be ready to receive the Word with gladness, and will have a love in his heart for it. Psal. 119:165, "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them." The great apostle Paul said he exercised (practiced) so as to have a "conscience void (or empty) of offence." If people everywhere took this same exercise today, many of our churches would be running instead of crawling, or flying instead of walking. This "hurt-feeling" crowd is a hindrance and threat to the salvation of lost sinners.

Ministers, don't be afraid you will hurt someone's feelings by preaching the Word, because if you do you will have done the thing the Lord Jesus Christ Himself did on many occasions. Some of His disciples went back from following Him simply because His sayings were too hard. John 6:60, 61, 66, "Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." Now, if two or three left because of your preaching, remember they left while Jesus was preaching, too. Don't let this alarm you! Keep shooting the gospel gun, until you get results.

When Jesus went back to His home town to preach and to be a blessing to His townspeople and kinsmen, He was hindered because of offences. The people became offended at His sayings.

Matt. 13:57, 58, "And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Certainly the wise man knew what he was talking about when he said,

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Prayer: Can We Live a Christian Life Without It?

By Rev. E. J. Smith

Text, "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint," Luke 18:1.

Prayer is one of the most solemn and important duties commanded in the Scriptures, and demands a serious and careful investigation. It is one of the weapons with which Christ has equipped His followers. In the text we have a command to pray. To disobey this command the joy bells will cease to ring in our hearts. Yes, we become fainthearted, and yield to temptation. Jesus says, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Prayer is, in scripture, expressed by the term "calling upon God," as in Abraham's case, "And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God." Paul said, "That in every place call upon Jesus Christ our Lord." This means in the church house, in the home, in the secret closet, on the street, in the shop, on the farm, in the store; in fact, pray wherever you may be. Again, Christ says, "Ask and it shall be given you." "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Thus, in the above scriptures, prayer is in the form of asking. Prayer in its every exercise is admirably adapted to preserve a knowledge of the true God, and to keep man's erratic mind from running into idolatry. Prayer promotes a sense of our dependence on God. It promotes devotion, and it helps the exercise of faith.

Then, secret prayer is enjoined in the Scripture. Let us appeal to Christ on this subject. He says, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Relative to Christ we are told, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." I believe every Chris-

tian should have a secret place of prayer. The spirit of the command requires it. Without it prayer will be neglected.

Then, family prayer demands attention, for it is the original form of worship. Noah built an altar and worshiped God when he came out of the ark. That was family worship in the form of praying. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob built altars, and prayed to the Lord in all places where they pitched their tents. Paul says, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The terms "nurture" and "admonition" must mean family prayer, for a command to do a thing includes the use of the best means to accomplish its end, and one of the best means is family prayer.

Next, public prayer is most clearly enjoined in the Bible. It was common among the Jews, incorporated by the apostles. It is settled that all their meetings were commenced by offering prayers to God. We have the account of many Bible characters who lived a life of prayer, and I believe we should imitate the One worthy of imitation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus didn't teach the disciples how to preach, but He taught them to pray. To know how to talk to God

is better than knowing how to speak to men. We must tarry with God first, and give Him time to train us. Power with God first, then with men. The Bible says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up." The word "wait" in this scripture means we are not in a hurry, we have plenty of time. So we tarry, wait, and continue to pray.

True prayer takes hold of God's strength, and opens heaven's gates. One of the greatest things one can do is to pray. Real prayer cannot be overdone. The best fire ever made would be out within twenty-four hours without adding more fuel. So it is with our Christian experience. We may have a bright and deep experience with God, but if we fail to stop at the filling station and take on a new supply of fuel, our power will diminish, and our experience with God will have leaked out. Prayer is not only the act of calling upon God, or asking God, but is also making love to God.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Are You Sowing Good Seed?

By Rev. W. A. Grant

Text: Mark 4:14, "The sower soweth the word."

Well, there are many people who are good sowers, and sow the seed; but there is just a few who will receive the Word of God. They will turn a deaf ear when a good preacher is preaching the Word.

We read in St. Matthew 13:19, "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown

in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side."

Do we let the devil come in and destroy that which God has planted in our hearts? Do we hear? Do we accept the Word and read it as we should?

We need to bring forth fruit and be grounded and rooted in Christ, and forget not to pray and read His Word. We must take heed and listen to His voice. We know not when evils

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It is a strange story and yet it is really true. It happened this way. My co-worker and I were driving along the northern part of British Columbia. Everything seemed to go wrong to delay us and we were late for our stop at the gas station. It was already closed. We went for a room, but there was no room. "Sorry, you're too late! We just rented our last room." We drove to the next town and got lodging for the night. This was about twelve miles away. In the morning we decided to drive to meet the train and I would travel on alone, because on the North Line the towns are scattered, and we had an appointment for that night and, as we could not buy gas, we couldn't travel far on an empty gas tank. When we arrived at the station to buy my ticket, the station agent said, "Sorry, ma'am, but you're just two minutes late."

Two minutes late for the office! Two minutes late for school! Two minutes late for heaven! What a dreadful thing to happen! Too many these days postpone eternal values. Yes, they often sit in church and hear God's Word, but they just say, "Some other day—not now."

The Bible says: "Today is the day of salvation," and, "Now is the accepted time." We are promised only the present time. We have no guarantee for tomorrow. Beware! Take care, or you may be just two minutes late.

Matt. 24:44, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet thy God."

The first and foremost question we ask is,

Who Is Ready for Christ's Coming?

1. Not the Self-righteous

Prov. 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Eccles. 11:9, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: *but know thou, for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.*"

You may think everything is going all right and nothing can ever go wrong with you, but you just watch out. "Be sure your sin will find you out." You can hide your fault from your neighbor, you may hide it from

Two Minutes Too Late

D. M., Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada

your family, but you can't hide it from God, and you will have to face it some day.

Do you know, friends, some people are like that old dirty hen house in the back yard—the walls are covered with lice, fleas, cobwebs and filth. The farmer goes out and takes a look. "Guess I'd better clean up a bit. I'll go get the whitewash and I'll cover it all up." So he slaps on a little whitewash and says he did the best he could. Friends, doing the best you can will never save you. That is just the whitewash. Whitewash never washes white. We've got to be washed white. The self-righteous man or woman is a whitewashed sinner, that is all.

Heb. 9:25, "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment." We must face the judgment one way or the other—as a sinner washed white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb, or as a sinner. There is no alternative.

What did Solomon say to the young man? "For all these things." What things? For following your own desires in preference to God's will. "For all these things God will bring you into judgment."

This reminds me of the parable of the rich young ruler. He came inquiring how he might get real, lasting joy and life. Jesus told him by keeping the commandments. There was no flaw there, for he said, "All these things have I kept from my youth up." Jesus didn't condemn him for this. He had kept the letter of

the law, and as far as the law was concerned he was blameless. Jesus said unto him (notice these words), "Go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and follow me." This was too great a sacrifice. This was a task almost too hard for this young man. We read, "He went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

No, just a "think so" salvation is not enough. Just a "hope so," or "do the best you can and you'll get to heaven" is insufficient. We must know *now* where we will stand in eternity.

2. Not the Natural Man

In Luke 12, I am reminded of a story Jesus told of a man who was rich and his crops were extra good. He said he would tear down his barns and build larger ones. But listen to God's decree: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Who shall have them? It is impossible to take them with you.

The natural man is too busy to take time for religion. He has time to drive, to visit his friends, and get all the gossip of the town. He has time to play golf or a game with friends, or go to a tea party; but no time for God. God told Israel through the prophet Amos, "Prepare to meet thy God." He says to you today, "Prepare to meet thy God." You may have no time for the Bible or prayer now, but when will you have any more time? Don't put it off. Eternal values are more important than a few cents in the bank or a few hours of pleasure. Who knows—if you continue even today, you may be called as was this young man, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

These Shall Go

Heb. 9:28, "To them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." He is coming for a prepared people—a people who are washed white in the blood of the Lamb. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Heb. 9:22, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Jesus shed His blood on Calvary, not for the rich and mighty, but for the "whosoever." John 3:16, "For God so loved the world (red and yellow, rich and poor), that he gave his only be-

gotten Son (who died on Calvary's cross for you and me), that *whosoever believeth* in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Are you ready, waiting, and longing for Him to come?

Two Sides

On which side are you? On the one side we have the inside, and on the other, the outside. In the story of the ten virgins, we have five on the inside and five on the outside. What was the difference? Were they not all virgins—clean, moral people? Yes, they were all virgins. They were all looking for the bridegroom. They were all sleeping, but they all heard the call and awoke and prepared to go. But note the difference. Five had their lamps burning and extra oil, while the lamps of the others were out and they had no extra oil.

Some people try to live on past experiences. They say, "Let me live as I will, what I had once will last for eternity." Friends, beware. Be careful. The five foolish virgins let the oil go too low and as a result their lamps went out, and as a result they were left outside. On which side of the door will you be when Jesus comes? It will depend on what you are doing now. Have you got the oil in your lamp, burning within you? Jesus is the "Light of Life." If He

dwells there, the lamp will burn and you will be ready when He comes.

What Will Happen to Those Who Remain?

There is but one answer. Heb. 9:27, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

Belshazzar prepared a great feast and in the middle of it used the sacred goblets from the sanctuary at Jerusalem. While they were eating and drinking and having a hilarious time, suddenly there appeared a handwriting on the wall, "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN," Dan. 5:25. He called his wise men, but they could not answer it. Suddenly he remembered Daniel who had interpreted a dream for him, and he called him.

"Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it."

"Tekel; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

"Peres; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

Note, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." There are two sides to the balance. On one side we put your good works; on the other, your sins. The balance is tipped in the wrong direction, for we read: "There is none righteous, no not one." Again, "All our righteousness is as filthy rags." What if

Jesus should come today and we had not accepted God's gift of salvation? What then? "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

"It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment." Will you be just too late when the trumpet blows? or will you decide your eternal destiny now?

JUST TWO MINUTES TOO LATE

"Speed up the motor, I'll be there."

Leave my breakfast? No, I want my share."

But, oh, what an awful answer to hear,

"You are just two minutes too late."

Too late for the train, it's long gone!

Too late for dinner, it's eaten up!

Too late, the battle's already won!

"You are just two minutes too late!"

But what if the trumpet already has blown?

What if our fight has already been won,

And Jesus has taken His loved ones home,

And you are just two minutes too late?

Friend, prepare to meet your God today. Remember, God's Word declares: "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

The End of the Commandment Is Charity 1 Tim. 1:5

"Out of a Pure Heart"

A pure, undefiled heart has been washed in the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We must not have even one small spot of sin on our hearts; and love one another, not by works but from the depth of our hearts. If we love one only when one has done us a good turn, we do not have a pure heart, and it is not true love.

Sinners love those who do them a good turn, so then if we don't love all, we are not doing any more than the sinners are doing. Let us all love our enemies as well as our friends.

"Of a Good Conscience"

We must have a good, clean conscience. When we do something

wrong and don't correct it, that one thing will follow us wherever we go. If we do not correct it, we have not charity; for if we have charity we will correct it.

We must always correct our wrongs regardless of persecutions, then we shall have a clean conscience, even if the explanation is not accepted.

"Of Faith Unfeigned"

Faith unfeigned, faith without even a little doubting, whether a thing will be done or not. When some people pray and get up to see if their prayer was answered, they say, "Just as I expected." They didn't expect their prayers to be answered before they prayed. Our faith must exceed that. When we pray we must believe

and it will be done according to our faith.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"—Jer. 8:20. —A Friend.

Answered Prayer

EPHRATA, Pa.—God has answered prayer for me many times and I praise Him for His goodness to me. I am thankful I am a child of the King. I had been heavily burdened concerning my son and his wife. I prayed and pled very earnestly before the Lord for one week for their need, and, praise God, He answered prayer.—Mabel H. Leinbach.

Trusted Only in Jesus

CARRIERS MILLS, Ill.—I promised the Lord if He would heal me, I would tell others about it. I suffered an affliction for nearly two years. I did not trust in another, but I trusted in the Lord, and He has so wonderfully healed my body.—Sister Maude Hartford.

REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

My grandson, Eddie U. Nutter, nine years of age, who is almost blind in one eye and his hearing is gone from one ear.—Mrs. Ray Nutter, Huntington, W. Va.

My brother-in-law, who has T.B. of the lungs and head (he was in service for five years and spent three of them overseas). He is in the hospital at Denver, Colo., and has undergone two operations; him to be healed and be able to return home; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Jack Knight, Ranger, Ga.

God to completely heal my body. I had a stroke and haven't been able to walk without support. Pray that I can get out in the work again.—Estella Nesbit, New Albany, Miss.

God to save my husband; me to be able to hold out faithfully in bearing my cross.—Sallie Baldwin, Hallsboro, N. C.

My healing. I am in a bad condition; my eight children.—Bernice Andrews, Alma, Ga.

God to save my husband, mother, sisters, brothers, and me; my brother, who has just had a serious operation.—Mrs. M. F. Waters, Baldwin, Ga.

My sister, who is in a serious condition; my healing; an important request.—Lillie Mooney, Galax, Va.

Four elderly ladies who live together, one is mentally sick and another an invalid.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Blue Ridge, Ga.

My healing of a very serious condition.—Mrs. Effie Vise, Heflin, Ala.

My eyes.—Mrs. Julia Jones, Lithia, Fla.

Two very special requests.—Minnie Lee Coker, Boylston, Ala.

A widow in need of the Lord's help.—R. Demelle, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Rev. C. J. Owens, in the hospital at Ocilla, Ga., in a very critical condition.—Elbert Elrod, Cordele, Ga.

My healing of a head trouble and sprained ankle.—Mrs. Julia Shannon, Holcomb, Miss.

A new work.—Sister Wineburger.

My daughter and daughter-in-law to be saved, they are very wicked; my two sons; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister.

Our campaign for the building of a new church at Midland, Texas.

Our son in the Navy; us to hear from him; him to return home; a very special unspoken request.—A reader, Jal. N. Mex.

God to heal me of low blood pressure and arthritis; my two sisters to be healed of nervousness.—Viola Marietta.

God to save my husband and stop him from drinking; a boy, Theodore Nelson, who has served about ten years in prison for stealing, to be saved and delivered from prison.—Mrs. Albert Goss, Jewell Ridge, Va.

A very urgent request.—A reader.

My healing of a nervous condition that affects my eating. I need prayer and encouragement.—Viola Browning.

Healing for my body; my sister-in-law to be healed of a goller.—Hazel Anderson, Bremen, Ala.

Healing for my father, who is in a very critical condition. Fast, if you feel led.—Myrtle Danley, Caruthersville, Mo.

My baby, who has a severe cold; my grandmother, who has been in bed five months; my home to be a home of prayer.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller, Springville, Ala.

A very urgent request; my husband to give his heart to the Lord and our home to be a home of prayer.—A sister in Christ.

God to save my son-in-law and wife.—M. A. Tate.

My husband's foot, which is badly scalded; my complete healing.—Mrs. Frank Parks, Wilcoe, W. Va.

The healing of my body. I suffer all the time; my wife's health to be restored.—Frank Yancey.

A very urgent unspoken request, the will of God to be done; God to save a neighbor; our lost loved ones; the complete healing of my husband, mother, and me; my sister and daughter to receive the Holy Ghost; two unsaved brothers and families.—Mrs. W. D. Stiles, Miami, Fla.

God to save my husband who left home two months ago and hasn't written. I have three

small children.—Marie Burcham, Ararat, Va. A special request, God to undertake.—Mrs. Richard Avery.

An urgent request, God to have His way.—A sister in Christ.

Our little girl, who has an abscessed gland below her ear.—Mrs. Robert Copher, Joplin, Mo.

My healing, I have suffered with a head ailment for ten years.—Mrs. Earl Lewis, Orrum, N. C.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A friend in need.

My son to be saved; my husband, who is a drunkard; our home to be a Christian home; other unspoken requests; me to be drawn closer to the Lord.—A reader.

My husband, who is very ill and needs a divine touch from the Lord. I would appreciate any encouragement. We have gone through some very severe trials.—Emily Seabolt, 2640 Spruce Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

My husband to be saved; God to direct my life.—Mrs. Hubert Howard, Hephzibah, Ga.

A special request, God to protect my life and give us a peaceful settlement.—Rev. Will M. Jones, Choctaw, Okla.

Our home to be a home of prayer; God to save my son from drinking and other habits; my husband to be a Christian; me to be healed of sugar diabetes.—Mrs. E. C. Anderson, Jesup, Ga.

My healing of a severe hernia. God to completely heal my husband and help him to keep victory from sin; my unsaved children; the church at Brindley's Chapel, Tenn.—Alta Ramsey.

My daughter and son-in-law to be saved.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

God to send a Spanish-speaking person who has the baptism of the Holy Ghost to start a work in Tucson, Ariz.; a person to be saved; my loved ones.—Kate McGhee.

A situation in my home which needs immediate attention; God to undertake.—A reader.

My mother, that she may get a place near the church, her health isn't good and she has two invalids to care for. The nearest church is twenty miles and she hasn't attended church for almost a year.—Mrs. Clayton Stewart, Jesse, W. Va.

My family to receive the Holy Ghost.—Myrtle Sullens, Eldon, Mo.

God to heal me of a severe case of rheumatism; healing for my husband, who has asthma.—Mrs. L. M. Andrews, Buckhannon, W. Va.

My healing of a cancer. The physician said it was too far gone to do anything with, but I know the Lord is able. My husband pastors the church at Perry, Okla. I sincerely desire the prayers of the Christians everywhere.—Mrs. Oscar Dodson, Perry, Okla.

Healing for my father and mother, both have had strokes and my father's mind is bad; my husband to stop drinking; an unspoken request; me to be able to live a victorious Christian life.—A troubled soul.

An unspoken request; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister in need.

My healing. I had an operation seven months ago and the incision has never healed.—A sister.

God to heal me; my daughter, my husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. James Weyant, Claysburg, Penna.

My husband to be delivered from the habit of drinking and be saved; my five sons to be saved and one of them delivered from the habit of drinking; a daughter to be healed and saved; me to be healed of a serious nervous condition. We all are badly in need of prayer.—Margie Leach, Maynard, Ark.

The Lord to heal me of varicose veins; a very special request.—Mrs. W. S. Weatherford, Avon Park, Fla.

Complete healing for my body.—Eleanor Faust, Scalp Level, Penna.

My healing. I am very sick and have not been able to perform my church duties.—Lake Erie Pahl, Mallory, W. Va.

My husband to stop drinking and come back to the Lord; healing for my body.—Mrs. Thos. B. James, Milo, Tenn.

A young man who was in a car wreck on the 4th of July. He was paralyzed and hasn't spoken since.—Mrs. Minnie Davis, Wilcox, Fla.

A very urgent request, encouragement and help needed.—A sister.

My granddaughter who is seriously ill.—Martha Sutherland, Hartselle, Ala.

My healing of heart trouble and other ailments; my husband, who needs the Lord in his life and has been very sick.—E. C. Nelson, Jacksonville, Fla.

My grandson, who needs help from the Lord, he isn't expected to live; me, I am blind and have nervous spells.—Mrs. Mattie Mills, Fruithurst, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Bertha Tanner, Esom Hill, Ga.

My husband, who has been sick a long time and has almost given up hopes of getting well.—Mrs. W. H. McCollum, Opelika, Ala.

My husband to be completely healed of an affliction; any encouragement will be appreciated; the Lord to heal Mrs. Bryan; us to have a church in Clarksdale, Mo.—Mrs. M. F. Tiller, Osborn, Mo.

Two very urgent unspoken requests.—A sister.

My two sons, Kent Huffmaster, who is in the hospital here, and Leo Huffmaster, to be safe and protected from the flood waters in Japan.—Dolly Huffmaster, Armona, Calif.

My husband to be saved; my father-in-law, who is backslidden.—A sister.

My niece who has been in the hospital for some time and the doctors say there is no hope for her to get well.—Mrs. George Hodge, Belmont, N. C.

Healing of severe pains and soreness in my side and shoulder.—A reader.

My healing of kidney trouble, low blood pressure and a general rundown condition.—Mrs. L. A. Edwards, Juniper, Ga.

An unspoken request, an urgent need; my husband and children to pray through to the Lord; healing for my body.—A sister.

Me, a little girl in school, to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my daddy, granddaddy, and grandmother, who do not know the Lord.—B. J. Evans, Miami, Fla.

God to save the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Al Peterson, Margaret Sudduth, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Evans.

My brother in Japan to return to his family.—Mrs. Beulah Williamson, Franklin, N. C.

My mother, who is seriously ill with high blood pressure; my healing of a bad nervous condition; me to receive the Holy Ghost; those of our family who are unsaved.—Miss Ruth Kingston, Harrisburg, Ill.

Me; a boy who has given great trouble; my daughter to be delivered from bad influence.—A sister in Christ.

My brother, Adda Smith, who is in poor health; Mrs. Zena Helm, who has T.B. of the bone; healing for my body; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Pearl Coffey, Eli, Ky.

Healing for my sister; a special unspoken request. Me, I am very sick.—J. M. Bradley, Lakeland, Fla.

Healing for my body; my son's ear, he has cancer.—Rosa Butler, Horseshoe, Fla.

We Shall Reap, If We Faint Not

ROCHESTER, Texas—In June, I sent a request to the Evangel, asking prayer for my healing. I had eczema from my waist up. I was so swollen my wrists hung over my hands, and I could hardly see. I praise God from the depth of my soul, for through the mercies of God I have been healed. I want to thank everyone who prayed so earnestly and for the good encouraging letters I received while I was suffering so much. I do appreciate every true saint of God. The Lord spoke to me in His Word, Gal. 6:9, "... in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Mrs. Stella Hargrave.

CHURCH OF GOD ON THE AIR

ALABAMA

Church of God, Cullman, over Station WKUL, each Sunday, 1:45 p.m. 1340 Kc. D. L. Barret, pastor.

Brother Frank Johnson, over Station WSON, Birmingham, Ala. Daily at 5:15-5:45 a. m. Sunday, 7:00-8:00 a. m.

Rev. C. T. Douglas, over Station WKAX, Birmingham, 900 Kc., daily 1:30-2:00 p. m.; Sunday 1:00-2:00 p. m.

"Gospel Message," over station WCOV, 1210 Kc., Montgomery, Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a. m. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Sylacauga Church of God, over Station in Sylacauga, 1340 Kc., Sunday 7:00-7:30 a. m. O. O. Philen, pastor.

Rev. Carl Green, over Station WJOI, Florence, Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m.

ARIZONA

"Church of God Hour," over Station KSUN, Lowell, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9:00. F. W. Patterson, pastor.

Mesa, over Station KARV, every Sunday morning 9:05-9:30, 1400 on your dial. R. F. Kirkland, pastor.

CANADA

Western Canada, over CHAB, Moose Jaw, Sask, 800 Kc., Sunday, 8:00-8:30 a. m.; Monday, Friday, Saturday, 9:15-9:30 a. m.

FLORIDA

Manatee, over Station WDHL, each Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m. J. B. Ellis, pastor.

Fort Myers, over Station WINK, each Sunday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. E. M. Ellis, pastor.

"Pentecostal Echoes," over Station WCLE, Clearwater, 680 Kc., 1000 watts, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9. Clyde Ogle, pastor.

Sanford, over Station WTRR, 1400 Kc., each Sunday 8:30-9 a.m. Paul Yates, pastor.

Tococa, over WELC, each Sunday from 7:00-8:00 a. m. Monday through Friday, 10:15-10:30 a. m. H. V. Fowler, pastor.

Rossville, West Gordon Avenue church, over station WAO, Chattahoochee, Tenn., each Sunday from 6:30-7:00 a. m. Hoyt Odum, pastor.

North Rome, over Station WRGA, each Saturday from 9:30-10:00 a. m. C. L. Richard, pastor.

The Church of God Radio Hour, over Station WAYX, Waycross, Ga. Every first and third

GEORGIA

Tuesday at 11:30 a. m., C. S. T. J. B. Conner, pastor. Piney Grove.

Tennille Church of God, over Station WMLT, 1340 Kc., Dublin, Ga., each Sunday, 2-2:30 p.m. Rev. Joe Cleghorn, pastor.

Marietta, over Station WFOM, May 12-17, 9:45 a.m. Every three months. T. Y. Black, pastor.

Vidalia, over Station WRQN, 250 Kc., each Sunday, 9:30-10 a. m. D. H. Stewart, pastor.

Hillside, Cobbtown, Church of God, over Station WRQN, Vidalia, Ga., 1450 Kc., each Sunday from 4 to 4:30 p.m. R. F. Wilson, pastor.

Radio Evangelistic Hour, over Station WDAK, 1340 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7-7:30. EST. L. O. Peck, pastor-director, Church of God, Columbus, Ga.

"The Gospel Light," the Church of God, Wesley Ave., Thomaston, 8:30-9 EST, on Station WSFT.

"Sunrise Devotion," over Station WGAC, Augusta, each Sunday 7-7:30 a. m., 5,000 watts, 38 on your dial. Max L. Atkins, pastor.

Blackshear, over Station WAYX, Waycross, each Sunday, 8:30 a.m. EST. B. D. Gore, pastor.

"Gospel Faith Hour," over Station WGAC, Augusta, 580 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7:30-8.

"The Church of God Hour," over Station WBIX, each Sunday, 3:30-4 p.m. J. W. Daniel, pastor, Trion.

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Station WEBQ, Harrisburg.
1. Each Sunday, 3:30-4 p.m. Carriers Mills.

Meivin Robey, pastor; Johnston City, C. N. Steele, pastor. Alternate programs.

2. Each Monday, 3-3:45 p.m. Eldorado, V. B. Rains, pastor; West Frankfort, A. G. Phillips, pastor. Alternate programs.

3. Each Tuesday, 3-3:45 p.m. Benton, W. J. (Bill) Brown, pastor.

KENTUCKY

Harlan, over WHLN, 1230 Kc., Monday through Saturday from 8:00-8:15 a. m. F. R. Harrawood, pastor.

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Covington, La., Church of God, Rev. E. L. Newton, pastor, Sunday afternoon from 3-3:30 over station WSLA, 1110 Kc.

MONTANA

Bozeman, over Station KXLQ, each Sunday at 9:15 a. m. Wesley H. Snyder, pastor.

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Wilmington, over Station WMFD, each Sunday, 8:00 a. m. 1400 Kc. P. H. McCarn, pastor.

"Word of Truth," Belmont, over Station WEGO, Concord, N. C., Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p. m. C. M. Jenkinson, pastor.

Bladenboro No. 1 Church of God, over Station WTSB, Lumberton, N. C., from 9 to 9:30 a. m., 1340 Kc. Frank Petrucelli, pastor.

"Church of God Hour," over Station WGNC, Gastonia, each Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p. m. Rev. Floyd Timmerman in charge.

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"The Full Gospel," Church of God, Central Avenue, Oak Hill, over Station WOAY, 860 on the dial, each Saturday, 3:30-4 p.m. W. W. Snuffer, pastor.

Reports

FROM THE FIELD

Grateful for Church in Oakdale, Alabama

Our district overseer, Brother Spencer, had a vision of our need. Through his efforts our pastor, Rev. Paul Nixon, with several others came into the Church of God from another Pentecostal movement. We now have eighteen members in an organized work.

Brother Spencer bought a tent and put it up in Oakdale. We had a revival and several were saved and filled with the Spirit. Our Ladies' Willing Workers' Band has raised money to buy new benches, paid three notes on the piano, and paid Brother Spencer in full for his tent.

The trustees are going to buy a nice lot today. Several attempts have been made for a church here and our hearts are filled with gratitude. We covet your prayers. We have been transferred to this new work from Prichard. — Sister V. M. Davenport, Mobile, Ala.

Revival and Home-coming

VAN DYKE, Mich.—Just a note of praise for the revival that was conducted by Rev. Merial Akins and wife. There were eighteen saved and reclaimed, five sanctified, twenty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the church, and twenty-four baptized in water. Brother and Sister Akins are wonderful workers together. Their messages and songs were enjoyed by all and we can highly recommend them to those wanting evangelists.

We also had a home-coming. Rev. T. L. Forrester delivered the message. At the close of the message an offering was taken amounting to \$1,200. We thank the East Side church, where Rev. and Mrs. Milligan are pastoring, for their fine gifts and co-operation during this four weeks' revival; also Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Forrester and their fine people, of the Pontiac church.

At the Van Dyke church is where Rev. W. L. Pate fell dead in the pulpit while preaching. The writer took

up the pastorate and the good people have stood by us 100 per cent, for which we thank God.

We appreciate our esteemed state overseer and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Houston R. Morehead, and Ralph E. Day for their fine co-operation. They are a real blessing to the State of Michigan.—A. H. Tribble, pastor.

West Virginia Annual Report

Rev. Paul H. Walker, State Overseer

	Mission	Orphanage
Total from churches	\$9,149.78	\$1,307.26
Ministers' pledges	215.51	
District youth offerings	1,836.58	1,271.84
District conventions		1,007.06
Porada jeep	363.94	
Floor offerings	546.01	140.50

TOTAL	\$12,111.82	\$3,726.66
Total from churches for missions		\$12,111.82
Foreign missions from district conventions		2,246.95
Home missions from district conventions		2,246.95
From churches for orphanage		3,726.66

GRAND TOTAL \$20,332.38

The above grand total represents a gain of more than \$2,000 over that of last year. To God be all the glory.

The work of the Y. P. E.'s, S. S.'s and L. W. W. B.'s throughout the State, which helped the churches to raise their offerings for the state convention, is very commendable.—West Virginia Witness.

Most Successful Year

LOXLEY, Ala.—We have just closed a very successful two weeks' revival. Brother J. R. Woodard, the evangelist, with Sister Woodard's special singing, was a real blessing to all. We highly recommend them to anyone desiring their services. Fifteen were saved, two of whom received the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and fifteen added to the church.

This has been our most successful

year. Our pastor, Brother A. L. Reed, and family have been a great blessing to us. We have installed a \$500 butane system; also have done work on the parsonage. Our Sunday School has almost doubled. The blessings of the Lord are with us.—Mrs. W. H. Driver, clerk.

All Services Being Blessed

COCOA, Fla.—Greetings in Jesus! We thank the Lord for His blessings to us. Brother R. R. Holland and family are back with us. The Lord is blessing in all of our services; also, the Sunday School and Y. P. E. are growing in attendance. Brother N. A. Blake did the preaching. He is a very consecrated worker and preaches old time holiness. Several received blessings of the Lord.—Mrs. A. V. Yancey.

Wonderful How God Has Blessed

God has answered prayer many times and many times He has healed. God healed me of leakage of the heart over twenty-three years ago, when I was anointed and prayed for at Weatherford, Texas. I have been healed of ulcers of the stomach. Last year, in May, I had a stroke of paralysis in my right side. I was so helpless I could not write my name or walk without support. I did not have any medical care but I called for the saints. They anointed and prayed for me. Now I am able to do my housework, walk several blocks, and write several pages when I need to. Praise God for healing me!

I wrote a list of unsaved persons and began praying and fasting for them. One accepted the Lord, and soon others, until thirty-five of those on the list have been converted, and a number of others since that time have accepted the Lord. Praise God for the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ!

I love to study God's Word and pray to Him as I would talk to a friend. Thank God for answering prayer. When I am in need, physically or financially, God hears and answers. He has preserved our lives through dangers, kept our home from wreck, and our children have accepted the Lord early. My desire is to love and worship the Lord. Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."—Mrs. H. F. Hart, Marietta, Okla.

Revivals

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals we have had in several years, conducted by "Happy" Tom Brooks. He did some wonderful preaching and seemed to be at his best. During the four weeks, there were thirty-six saved, seventeen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. It came to a climax with a baptizing. There were seventeen candidates for water baptism. God was there in a very special way. All were shouting in the water, also on the bank. It was the greatest baptismal service I have ever attended. After the service the ladies served a nice picnic lunch. Everyone enjoyed himself. After lunch we had an open-air service. Brother Brooks brought the message under the anointing of God. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. H. F. Douglas, who has his heart in the work of the Lord. We broke all previous Sunday School records in attendance here, with two hundred forty-four present. We are expecting great things in the future for the Lord and His Church. — J. P. Satcher, secretary and treasurer.

WIMAUMA, Fla.—We thank God for His wonderful love and mercy. He has been so good to His people here. Recently we closed a three weeks' revival, with Brother Carl White as the evangelist. There were six saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen followed the Lord in water baptism, and four added to the church. We need your prayers that we might influence lost souls in this community to seek God before it is too late.—Miss Betty Jane Waters.

GLENCOE, Ark.—Praise God for a two weeks' revival, conducted by Rev. J. H. McDowell, where several prayed through to victory. Pray that we will move forward and win others to God.—Lorene Langston.

ST. ALBANS, W. Va.—God blessed in a wonderful way in our revival, conducted by Reverend Caves and wife. God's children were made to

rejoice in the power of the Holy Ghost. There were three saved and sanctified and seven added to the church. At our home-coming one Catholic was saved. We raised \$300 on repairing the church. Pray that many more souls will find the Lord.—Mrs. J. W. Caves.

WESTMINSTER, S. C.—We praise God for a revival at Westminster, with Rev. Eugene McCall and Sister Omie Underwood doing the preaching. There were five saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. Pray that I may be faithful in preaching God's gospel.—Eugene McCall.

SHELBY, Ala.—God has given us a wonderful revival, with Evangelist James Kelly and little "Blind" Bobby Peoples in charge. They were a great blessing to the church. There were nineteen saved, several sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. If you need a real revival, Brother Kelly can be a great blessing to you and your church.—Mrs. E. B. Carter.

MALLORY, W. Va.—We have just closed a wonderful meeting in which the Lord's presence could definitely be felt. Several different ones preached for a night or two and God certainly did anoint them. There were twenty-three saved, seventeen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church, nineteen baptized in water, and forty-four observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The interest among the young people is great.—H. L. Marcum, pastor.

LANGLEY, S. C.—Recently we closed a revival, with Brother Tom Brooks as the evangelist. He did some fine preaching and had something new every night. We had a large attendance, with the altar filled each night. There were sixteen saved, nine sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and fourteen added to the church.

We also had a wonderful revival at

Aiken, S. C., with an attendance of over a thousand each night. The Gospel Faith Trio did the singing. Many souls were blessed. We still want to see a Church of God at this place. Pray that God will give us some new churches on the district.—Rev. Carl Cox, pastor.

PARMA, Mo.—During the three weeks' successful revival at Parma, God blessed in a wonderful way. Eleven confessed the Lord, ten were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, six were added to the church, and eleven baptized in water. Rev. Carl Smith was the evangelist. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless.—Rev. L. J. Potts, pastor.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—One of North Carolina's noted evangelists, Sister B. J. Hillhouse, came to Goldsboro for her second revival. God blessed from the beginning to the closing service. On the last night, four received the Holy Ghost. All the church was blessed in the Lord. The Sunday School attendance increased and broke all previous records. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Spirit and received definite experiences in the Lord. You will be fortunate to have Sister Hillhouse for a revival. We appreciate our good pastor, Brother C. H. Deans, and family. They have the work at heart and are faithful workers.—Mrs. M. M. Boyette.

DARTIGO, La.—I know you will rejoice to hear the good news about the recent revival at Dartigo. The results were eighteen saved and sanctified, fourteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, eighteen baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church. A number testified of being healed. One great miracle of healing was a sister healed of gallstones. The evangelist was Sister Daisy Flannagan, of New Orleans, a very consecrated person for the work of the Lord. Pray for us.—John W. Blow, pastor.

CLAYSBURG, Penna.—God blessed wonderfully in our last revival, conducted by Rev. C. H. Pansler, of Akron, Ohio. All were revived and benefited. Eight were saved and some baptized in water. You will do well to get Brother Pansler and family for a meeting. Their special music was wonderful.—Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Walker.

He Has Supplied Our Needs

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—We are thankful to God for the progress of our Sunday School at the East Louisville Church of God. We praise God for supplying our needs and giving us Spirit-filled teachers and officers who are faithful and have labored co-operatively, and for the prayers of those who have helped to make the Sunday School a success.

Recently, we had the privilege of going on an outing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip on the bus, the good food, the different amusements and the Christian fellowship.

Pray that our Sunday School will be a source of blessing to our children and young people, that they may seek Christ early in life, and may we be watchful and doing our best for Jesus, until He calls for us.—Sister Ruth Kress.

DO OTHERS HURT YOUR FEELINGS?

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Prov. 18:19, "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; and their contentions are like the bars of a castle."

What a Real Christian Will Do When Someone "Hurts His Feelings"

He will not pout at the whole church, and stay at home a month of Sundays, nor threaten to "come out" or have his name taken from the record. He will keep the victory, and if he doesn't, "mark him." He will not go about telling the whole neighborhood what so-and-so said to him, or how he was offended, but he goes, like the Bible teaches, to the person who OFFENDED him, and tells him his fault between them ALONE. He has an interest in protecting his brother, and in keeping matters a secret, and only communing in private council. He does not get "mad" and "bawl him out," or "get him told" and "make him like it." A REAL CHRISTIAN knows that they which are spiritual are to restore such in the spirit of meekness, considering themselves lest they, too, should fall into the same ditch. In case a private council will not settle the matter, he takes along two or three witnesses, and finally, if the matter can't be adjusted, it is to be brought before the church. Ninety-nine times out of one hundred it will never reach the church if people will

practice the Bible teaching, IF THEY ARE CHRISTIANS (some are not, but are hypocrites). "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Rev. Geo. W. Truett, on This Subject

Please sir, I want you to note what the Rev. Geo. W. Truett had to say on this important subject. He was one of the greatest preachers of his day. I quote from the book "A Quest for Souls": "A wrong spirit toward others is also an explanation for unanswered prayer. I pause a moment, to press this point upon your conscience. I have come to the end of twenty-four years as a pastor, and through all these years I have increasingly seen how men and women are hindered in their religious lives, in praying, in every good way, by a wrong spirit toward others. In that model prayer which Jesus gives for the guidance of His disciples, that same point of our relations toward our fellows is magnified. 'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive—as we have already forgiven—those who have sinned against us.' Are you wrong in your spirit toward others? If so, your unanswered prayers are at once explained. One said to me, after an extended conversation, 'Why cannot I get right with God?' He had once been a joyful, victorious Christian,

but now he was unhappy and shorn of his spiritual power, and prayer was no longer a blessed experience with him. 'Why cannot I get right with God?' he plaintively asked. Before the conversation was ended, he dropped one sentence that indicated the depth of his ill will toward another. The reason why he was not right with God was at once made plain. Our lives are most intimately bound up with the lives of our fellows. Our relation to our fellows cannot be escaped, cannot be ignored.

"How searching are these words of Jesus: 'And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.'"

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GOD'S SELF-LIMITATIONS

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is stopping the flood waters of God's love from breaking forth upon our churches and sweeping hundreds of souls into the Kingdom of God. Prayerlessness is the blighting, withering, and extinguishing evil of our spiritual lives. When the children of Israel had built them an altar of gold and worshipped it around the mount, God said to Moses, "Let me alone and I will destroy them." God was limited to the prayer of Moses; he was praying that God would be merciful and save them. The prayer of this one man saved the destruction of an entire nation. The prayers of the early church saved the apostle Peter from the king's ultimatum of death. John Knox, of Scotland, prayed, "Give me Scotland or I die." God saved Scotland from the demoniac power of Catholicism. Moody, seeing our cities corrupted and vitiated with sin, prayed, "Stir our cities and give us a mighty revival." God visited our cities with the greatest revival ever known in America.

God is limited by sin in the church and in our lives.

God couldn't give victory to Joshua at Ai because of sin in the camp. David said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me." "Heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered." "Ask and receive not." Division and discord will hinder God's working in the Church.

In conclusion, may I say, Let us yield ourselves to God, that He may reveal Himself to us and work through us, unhindered.

ARE YOU SOWING GOOD SEED

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might slip upon us. That is why Christ said to watch and pray. No matter how good the preacher is whom you might hear, if you don't listen, study, be eager to learn, and obey His voice, which speaketh so softly and tenderly, you are profited nothing. Many times saints misjudge a good preacher because they fail to pray, read, and ask God for wisdom. They haven't listened to the pastor and evangelist. They have let someone tell them that they are saved. I know this seed is not right, because ye must be born again.

Luke 8:11, "Now the parable is this:

The seed is the word of God."

God has made His Word clear that whosoever believeth on the name of Jesus and repents of his sins, God will forgive him. He loves all that will come unto Him. He gave His Son Jesus that we might have life and have it more abundantly. I know there are many who believe, but aren't willing to let the Word be planted as it should be in their hearts. A sower is one who lets his life shine.

Some say they believe in the Holy Ghost, but they won't seek Him. They

can tell someone else all about it, but this person is not a good sower because he has the form of godliness and denies the power thereof. We don't think that skin-deep religion will pay off in the end.

We must seek God with all our hearts. If we take His Word, we know He will help us to sow some good seed before the world. There are those who say they have the Holy Ghost, but they lose their temper when things begin to happen. Let the world know what side of the fence you are on.

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